

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were examined in the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12-14.

In order to place the case into condition for allowance, the Applicants are requesting cancellation of claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9 and 11, without prejudice to the subject matter therein.

In addition, per the conversation with the Examiner on April 6, 2009 regarding consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 14, 2005 as a fully compliant IDS, the Applicants are forwarding herewith a clean copy of the original Form 1449 for acknowledgement of consideration of the documents identified therein.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the requested amendments to place claims 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12-14 into condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for these claims, is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit

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